

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God — 10:30 a.m. on May 9th 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Proverbs 18:10

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

OPENING HYMN

And Can It Be (TH# 455)

1 And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.
[Refrain]

Refrain:
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

3 He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!)
and bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!
[Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ,
my own. [Refrain]

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)

Questions 29-30

Leader: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

People: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Leader: How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

People: The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 88

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 56:3

SERMON

When I am Afraid

Rev. Jake Susek

PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (TH# 541)

1 When the trumpet of the Lord shall
sound and time shall be no more,
and the morning breaks, eternal, bright
and fair;
when the saved of earth shall gather
over on the other shore,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be
there.

2 On that bright and cloudless morning
when the dead in Christ shall rise,
and the glory of his resurrection share;
when his chosen ones shall gather to
their home beyond the skies,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be
there. [Refrain]

Refrain:
When the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be
there.

3 Let us labor for the Master from the
dawn till setting sun,
let us talk of all his wondrous love and
care;
then when all of life is over, and our
work on earth is done,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be
there. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

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SERMON NOTES

“When I am Afraid.”

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3

PART I: *Why do I become afraid?*

Reflections:

“Anxiety is God-forgetfulness.”

Paul

Tripp

“We act like pagans in a crisis – only one out of an entire crowd is daring enough to invest his faith in the character of God,”

Oswald

Chamber

“The Gospels list some 125 Christ-issued imperatives. Of these, 21 urge us to ‘not be afraid’ or ‘not fear’ or ‘have courage’ or take heart’ or ‘be of good cheer.’ The one statement he made more than any other was this: don’t be afraid.”

Max Lucado in Imagine Your Life without Fear.

Introduction:

The Goal: (and who is this for? – Dr. Grauley’s Advice)

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.”

Part I: Why do I become Afraid?

Part II: Divine Providence - Romans 8:28

Part III: Divine Plan - Romans 8:18-25

Part IV: Divine Disciplines

Why do I become afraid?

The reality of fear in the Bible:

- Adam and Eve “hid” themselves...
- Abraham “lied” about Sarah being his wife...
- Jacob, after conniving the birthright “fled” to Laban’s house...
- Aaron, fearing the people committed “idolatry”...
- The disciples in the storm “doubted” the Lord’s care for them...
- Peter, fearing the crowd “denied” the Lord...

Fear can cause a person to do some harmful, foolish things...

#1: Because I am not God:

Isaiah 45:7

“I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

Daniel 4:35

“...he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand...”

“If I could only work this life out my way...” Carole King

We invest wisely – but... / We eat healthy – but...

We train up our children – but...

#2. Because I am not Exempt from tribulation and distress

John 16:33

“In this world you will have tribulation...”

Job 3:25

“The thing I feared most has come upon me, and what I dreaded befalls me.”

Psalm 88:18

“...darkness has become my only companion.”

*Problem with the health, wealth and prosperity Gospel...

*Non-Nomen = No Name / Paul Tripp’s Dad’s new car...

*The “others” in Hebrews 11:36

*Untimely deaths / Disappointments of all sorts
Experiences that don’t seem to make any sense at all
Suffering – physical, emotional, spiritual
Our own death*

M.A.S.H. Episode / Mary Poppins Returns

#3. Because God does not always shield me from the consequences of my choices:

Galatians 6:7 - *you don’t reap in the same season you sow...*

O.T. - Because you have done this, I will...

N.T. - That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died

***Jude I – Kept for Jesus Christ...24, able to keep you...

(This unfortunately doesn’t mean He keeps us from sinning.)

#4. Because my faith is often small:

Matt 8:26 - “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith.”

Matt 14:31 - “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

John 14:8 - “Show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

RESPONSES:

[a] Atheism

There is no rhyme or reason / no justice / when you die, that’s it.

Bertrand Russell:

“There is darkness without, and when I die there will be darkness within.”

[b] Theological Liberalism

*Agnostic or Universalism [Process Theology: God was surprised]
[Kushner: Job: You try being God!]*

[c] Buddhism

Full House – “Kimberly – *Whatever*” Happiness is the absence of desire.

The Christian: Creation out of nothing / Buddhism: Creation into nothing

[c] Christianity

***Providence – Roman 8:28 ***Plan – Romans 8:18-25